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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner Of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's remarks dated October 22, 2002, applicant notes that claims 20-34 have been renumbered as 19-33, as there was no original claim number 19.

This paper is a response to a restriction requirement issued by the Examiner, and a request for election/ restriction, under 35 USC 121. A one-month period has been set until November 22, 2002.

The Examiner has remarked that the application presently contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Species I drawn to the embodiment in Figure 1;
Species II drawn to the embodiment in Figures 25;
Species III drawn to the embodiment in Figures 33;
Species IV drawn to the embodiment in Figures 41;
Species V drawn to the embodiment in Figure 45;
Species VI drawn to the embodiment in Figures 58;
Species VII drawn to the embodiment in Figure 78
Species VIII drawn to the embodiment in Figures 88; and
Species IX drawn to the embodiment in Figures 103.

Applicant respectfully TRAVERSES this requirement for election/ restriction for the following reasons.

Figures 1-24 are directed to a first species of the invention. Figures 25-32 are directed to a first subspecies of the species shown in Figs. 1-24. Figures 33-40 are directed to a second subspecies of the species shown in Figs. 1-24. Figures 41-44 are directed to a sub-sub species of Figs. 33-40.

Figures 45-57 are direct to a second species of the invention. Figures 58-77 are directed to a subspecies of Figs. 45-57.

Figures 78-87 are directed to a third species of the invention.

Figures 88-102 are directed to a fourth species of the invention. Figures 103-110 are directed to a subspecies of Figs. 88-102.

Applicant elects **Figures 1-44**, which he asserts is a single species, i.e., species I including subspecies I(a) and subspecies I(b) and sub-subspecies I(b)(i).

Should the Examiner agree with applicant's analysis of the disclosure, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney. Applicant's attorney will then file a preliminary amendment deleting claims and adding claims to the elected species.

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COVER LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Submitted are the following documents:

- 1) This cover letter;
- 2) Election of Species (2 pages); and
- 3) Post card return receipt.

No additional fees are believed to be required. In the event that an additional fee is required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750.

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